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didate would be elected on each occasion, that you suggest for not voting in this county.

Aside from that, again within the past few months, two elections have taken place in this county; at the first election, the opposing forces a Democrat and Republican President, and a Democrat and Republican candidate for members of Congress, and in this case each party was credited with the exact number of votes cast. Does your argument hold in that case?

Again, there was an election in this county within the last ten days, where the subject to be voted upon was purely economical. Hedge the question around in any way you choose, I do not believe that you can get rid of the plain, hard, unvarnished fact that the intelligent young colored man ought to see to it that he prepares himself to vote, and actually does vote somewhere in the country, and if this class is not careless and indifferent in regard to performing its duty in this respect, I stand open for speedy conversion. Yours truly

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From Charles William Anderson

New York, N.Y., April 3, 1906

My dear Doctor: Enclosed please find a letter from Mr. Harry S. Cummings of Baltimore. As you will note, he has added his name to the long list now looking for the Registership of the Treasury. What do you hear of Vernon's case? I am answering Cummings this day that, while I know that you are anxious to serve him in any way you can, I am rather of the opinion that the President himself has a man in view for the position he is seeking, in case Mr. Vernon is not confirmed. I advised Cummings to write to you if he felt like doing so, but, at the same time, informed him that I was strongly of the opinion that the matter of Vernon's successor, in case of his rejection by the Senate, had already been settled, and settled by the chief executive himself.